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State awards \$8.5 million in Training Acceleration Grants

INDIANAPOLIS (May 17, 2007) -- The Indiana Department of Workforce Development and Indiana Economic Development Corporation have awarded \$8,489,142 in Training Acceleration Grants to 56 Indiana companies or consortia.

The Training Acceleration Grant program provides financial assistance to companies and organizations seeking to expand the skills of their existing workforce through training programs that result in industry-recognized credentials. This grant program is the state's primary job training program offered to Indiana businesses for incumbent workers.

"Training Acceleration Grants provide funds to help Indiana employers provide training to existing employees, and help the state of Indiana maintain a competitive workforce," said Andrew Penca, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

"This program is an important tool which assists Indiana businesses build a more competitive workforce at a time when economic growth and diversification are top priorities," said Nathan J. Feltman, Secretary of Commerce and president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

The program has four core objectives: promoting small businesses; fostering job retention and expansion; increasing personal income for Hoosier workers; and providing training to address skill gaps in the Hoosier workforce.

The grants announced today were awarded by the state in February, March and April 2007.

The names of the firms awarded the grants, location, number of trainees, outcomes, and amount awarded:

Employer	City	Trainees	Outcomes	Amount Awarded
ABC of Indiana Apprenticeship Trust - South Central ³	Indianapolis	925	Apprenticeships & Assoc. Degrees	\$700,000.00
Aleris Blanking and Rim Products	Terre Haute	10	Management & Supervisory Certificate	\$33,000.00

Andrews Companies Inc.	Indianapolis	1	Fonality Trixbix Open Communication Cert.	\$1,495.00
Autocar, LLC	Hagerstown	98	Lean Certification	\$167,350.00
Baxter Pharmaceutical Solutions	Bloomington	121	Essential Management Certificate, Management Development Certificate, Management Enrichment Certificate, Trainer Certificate, Advanced Trainer Certificate	\$185,400.00
Beta Steel Corp.	Portage	62	Mechanical/Electrical Skills Certifications	\$174,349.94
Clarian Health Partners, Inc.	Indianapolis	212	BSN & Technical Certification	\$240,000.00
Clayton Services	Indianapolis	7	Micro-strategy Certified Developer, Cisco Cert. Network Professional, Project Management Professional, Master Certification	\$24,160.00
Consolidated Transport System, Inc.: Amendment to increase funds and students ²	Michigan City	3	MCSE	\$13,990.50
Consolidated Transport System, Inc. ²	Michigan City	2	Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), Accelerated MCSE and Current Technologies	\$14,000.00
Cottage Gardens Collections	Bainbridge	3	MCDST, MCSA Cert., Adobe ACE print, Microsoft Office Master	\$5,382.00
CSL Investigations and Security Consultants	Fort Wayne	1	Fraud Examiner	\$2,190.00
Cummins, Inc. (CEP) (LDD) (CIC)-combined	Columbus	78	Apprenticeship Training, MSSC Journeyman Upgrade, IC3 Journeyman Upgrade, and Advanced Hydraulics Journeyman Upgrade, Industrial Maintenance, App. 1st & 2nd training, Journey Level Upgrade	\$240,000.00
Delphi Electronics & Safety	Kokomo	177	Journeyman upgrades	\$368,000.00
Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc.	Goshen	90	RVST Technician, SHRM Certification, Cisco Network Technician, Microsoft Certified Pro, Microsoft Certification Systems, Engineer MCSE, NIST MEP Advanced Manufacturing Certification	\$192,031.00
Evana Tool and Eng, Inc.	Evansville	4	Project Management Professional certification	\$14,000.00
Gastineau Communications, Inc.	Indianapolis	1	Certification of Applied Learning	\$3,500.00
Gaylor, Inc	Carmel	10	Certificate Of Applied Learning	\$35,000.00

Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Foundation ¹	Bloomington	23	Management and Supervisory Certification	\$57,052.00
Halo, LLC	Indianapolis	26	Associates of Electrical Engineering, Solidworks Certification, Georgia Tech Logistics Certification, Microsoft A+ Certification, Professional Engineering Certification, Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist (MCTS), Project Management Professional	\$92,149.00
Harding Poorman	Indianapolis	12	ISO 9001 Internal Quality Auditor	\$5,000.00
Heavyweights (The)	Indianapolis	4	Digital Workflow certification	\$14,000.00
ILM Group	Indianapolis	13	Cisco Cert. Network Associate (CCNA), Cisco Cert. Design Pro(CCDP),Microsoft Office Spec (MOS), Project Management Professional (PMI), Microsoft Enterprise Support Tech (MCITP), Dev.(MCPD), Comp TIA, Microsoft Systems Admin. (MCSA)	\$91,000.00
Index Corporation	Noblesville	40	Operations Certification of Applied Learning, Tooling Certification of Applied Learning, Setup Certification of Applied Learning, Equipment Certification of Applied Learning	\$151,519.00
Indiana Business Diversity Council (6 employers) ¹	Indianapolis	7	Digital Workflow certification	\$26,950.00
Indiana Construction Education Council ³	Indianapolis	5426	Apprenticeships	\$3,000,000.00
Inventure Group, Inc. (The)	Bluffton	75	NIST - MEP Advanced Manufacturing Certification	\$40,140.00
Jackson County Consortium 1 (7 employers) ¹	Seymour	65	Management Supervisory certification	\$194,740.00
Jackson County Consortium 2 (8 employers) ¹	Seymour	63	Management Supervisory certification	\$188,748.00
Jayco	Middlebury	3	CCNA, Network+, CCA, MCP	\$9,580.00
King Systems Corporation	Noblesville	100	Six Sigma Green Belt, certifications in Adv. Mfg. - Champion, Practitioner, Team Member, and Leadership	\$194,400.00
Lakeland Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	Angola	4	Associate Degree in Nursing	\$8,850.00

MapleTraining (24 employers) ¹	Goshen	37	Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP), Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA)	\$129,500.00
Marion Tool and Die, Inc.	W. Terre Haute	25	Associate Degree - Machine Tool Technology, Technical Certificate in Mfg. & Industrial Technology, Microsoft Office Specialist, Master Cam -various types, Haas Adv. Macro, Learn Haas various types	\$155,744.00
Matrix Global Partners, Inc.	Indianapolis	2	ACTFL Certificate, Certified Associate in Project Management	\$6,243.00
Metal Technologies, Inc.	Auburn	1	Six Sigma Master Black Belt	\$7,000.00
Modern Graphics	Peru	27	NIST MEP Level 1 Certificate, Advanced Mfg. Team Member, NIST MEP Level 2 Certificate, Advanced Mfg. Practitioner, and NIST MEP Level 3 Certificate, Advanced Mfg. Champions	\$83,000.00
Ottenweller Company, Inc.	Fort Wayne	260	NIST MEP Advanced Manufacturing Cert. (various)	\$180,050.00
PHD, Inc.	Fort Wayne	16	Certified LabView Associate Developer, Six Sigma Black Belt, Certified Quality Auditor	\$56,000.00
Pinnacle Group of Indiana	South Bend	15	Microsoft Certified Tech Specialist (MCTS), Microsoft Certified Professional Developer (MCPD), Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS Word), and Microsoft Office Specialist (MosExcel)	\$50,148.00
Pretzels, Inc.	Bluffton	27	Industrial Mechanical Career Development Certificate, Industrial Electrical Career Development Certificate, Six Sigma Green Belt, and Lean Master Certification	\$37,297.00
Prompt Medical Transportation, Inc.	Highland	35	Emergency Medical Tech. (EMT) Paramedic Training, and Medical Dispatcher	\$107,500.00
Quick Tanks	Kendallville	13	AWS Welding Certs.	\$20,540.00
Sibley Machine and Foundry Corp.	South Bend	17	NIST MEP Workplace Organization, NIST MEP Efficiency Improvement, NIST MEP Process Improvement, NIST MEP Productive maintenance	\$58,500.00
Sigma Kappa Sorority	Indianapolis	3	Digital Workflow Certification	\$10,500.00
Somerset CPA	Indianapolis	1	Digital Workflow certification	\$3,500.00

South Bend Medical Foundation	South Bend	8	Associate Degree in Applied Science- Medical Laboratory Technician, Histologic Technician National Certification, Medical Technician CLS- Chemistry Categorical Certification, Oracle database certification, Hewlett Packard ITIL Management Certification	\$28,438.00
Tippmann Sports	Fort Wayne	19	MCSA, Solidworks Certification, APICS, Citrix Certified Administrator	\$42,782.00
Tyson Foods, Inc.	Portland	401	Customized Certificate/Food Service Worker	\$73,120.00
Universal Forest Products	Granger	80	NIST MEP Advanced Manufacturing Certification	\$119,100.00
Universal Forest Products	Indianapolis	35	National Institute of Standards and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Certificate- Managerial, Member, Practitioners and Champions	\$119,100.00
Valmont Industries	Plymouth	75	NIST MEP Advanced Manufacturing Cert. (various)	\$199,800.00
Wabash Plastics	Evansville	50	Executive Excellence Diploma, Operational Excellence Certification, Focus, Transformation-Lift Certification, Value Stream Mapping Certification, First Line Certification	\$199,920.00
Warner Bodies	Noblesville	55	NIST MEP Level 1 and NIST MEP Level 2	\$88,700.00
Weber Cabinets	Elkhart	10	Advanced Manufacturing Certificates	\$33,900.00
Wolf Envelopes	Angola	28	Career Development Certificate in Adjuster & Critical Core Sup. Fund.	\$75,696.00
Woodlawn Hospital	Rochester	352	LPN, Registered Health Info administrator (online), Certified Operating Room Nurse, Anticoagulation Therapy Management, Certified Coding Associate, Prof Human Resources, Senior Prof Human Resources, Health Care Management Certification, Comp TIA A+, Net+, Security+,	\$115,087.50

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve worker skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 26 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

As a result of legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly in February, 2005, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) replaced the Department of Commerce as the premier entity charged with state economic development. IEDC has a 12-member board chaired by Gov. Mitch Daniels.